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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) GW WB  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT -- OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

1. ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT'S BILATERAL VISIT TO THE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC WAS MENTIONED IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT  
ISSUED MAY 30 FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH  
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, WE BELIEVE THAT A BRIEF FORMAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT WITH DATES REMAINS NECESSARY, AND WE HAVE  
DISCUSSED THIS MATTER INFORMALLY HERE WITH THE FRG.

2. THE FRG HAS A STANDARD ANNOUNCEMENT FORM WHICH  
CONSISTS OF ONE SENTENCE, AND THIS FORMAT IS THEIR  
PREFERENCE FOR THIS ANNOUNCEMENT. THE TEXT THEY  
PROPOSE READS "AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, WALTER SCHEEL, THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JIMMY CARTER,  
WILL MAKE A STATE VISIT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF  
GERMANY JULY 14-15." THE FRG AVOIDS MENTION OF SPECIFIC  
CITIES WITHIN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN ITS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

3. TO PRESERVE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE  
FRG, AND TO HEAD OFF PREDICTABLE SOVIET COMPLAINT, WE  
BELIEVE A SEPARATE SENTENCE REFERRING TO BERLIN IS  
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NECESSARY IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE TEXT. AMONG THE  
SEVERAL VARIANTS THAT WE HAVE LOOKED AT, THE FRG PREFERS  
THE FOLLOWING SECOND SENTENCE: "WHILE IN GERMANY,  
PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO INTENDS TO VISIT BERLIN." WE  
BELIEVE THIS WORDING COVERS OUR INTERESTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD LIKE APPROVAL AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE TO SEEK FORMAL FRG AGREEMENT TO THE TWO SENTENCES ABOVE, AND AGREEMENT TO JOINT RELEASE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16.

5. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH THE US AND THE FRG SIDES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE INFORMATION COVERING MAJOR SEGMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT ONCE THESE PORTIONS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED AND AGREED BY BOTH SIDES (E.G., VISIT TO FRANKFURT RATHER THAN WIESBADEN). WE DO NOT HAVE IN MIND SCHEDULING INFORMATION, BUT RATHER LATITUDE TO SAY THAT ARRIVAL WOULD BE THE EVENING OF JULY 13, THAT JULY 14 WOULD BE A DAY OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN BONN, AND THAT JULY 15 WOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO BRIGADE 76 AND FRANKFURT, AS WELL AS THE VISIT TO BERLIN.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION THAT, ONCE AGREEMENT ON BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE VISIT HAS BEEN FINALIZED, AND ASSUMING ANNOUNCEMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE HAS BEEN MADE, BOTH US AND FRG SIDES WOULD BE FREE TO STATE MAJOR SEGMENTS OF VISIT IF ASKED BY MEDIA.-  
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